

## Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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ISEP conduct enforcement initiative at EVV Fall Festival

**Evansville, IN** – Indiana State Excise Police issued 76 summonses during the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup> at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival and in surrounding areas within Evansville. 67 people were cited for 76 charges throughout the week on charges ranging from juveniles in possession of tobacco to adults furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. These arrests were conducted by Officers working this detail as part of an enforcement initiative. The following is a listing of some of the charges:

- 39 Possession of Tobacco by a Juvenile
- 23 Possession/Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor
- 2 Public Intoxication
- 2 Possession of Marijuana
- 3 Furnishing Tobacco to a Juvenile
- 3 Adults Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor
- 4 charges including Taking Alcoholic Beverages into Permit Premise, Littering and Disorderly Conduct
- 3 subjects were incarcerated
- 2 Businesses were cited for alcohol and tobacco violations

"Excise officers spent these shifts patrolling the EVV Fall Festival along Franklin St. and surrounding areas," Officer Charles Butler said. "Most of our officers utilized plain clothes to work these areas. Not being in uniform allows officers to get closer to someone before he or she knows that they are the police officers, which reduces the likelihood of foot pursuits and other problems."

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.